

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Fig. 9, fixture 42 is used to position blades 14 while they are welded to side plates 24 by spot welds 40. Fixture 42 has base member 44 that includes slots 46 that receive base portions 36 of elongated supports 30 of blades 14. Bladder 46 47 provides an upward force to the bottoms of base portions 36, to cause cutting members 26 to abut angled surfaces 48 of alignment block 50, and cutting edges 28 to contact corners 52, thereby placing the cutting edges 28 in the desired position to define a shaving surface, and providing the desired blade tangent angle for cutting members 26. With blades 14 properly positioned in slots 46 and biased upward against surfaces 48 and corners 52, side plates 24 are welded to bent longitudinal ends 38, resulting in an integral blade subassembly 30, that can then be simply inserted into recess 21 and moved into position in housing 12 and secured therein by clips 23 (Figs. 1, 2). Alternatively, the blades could also be rear mounted into a cartridge housing that has a recess 21 that opens from the bottom. Also, if desired, alignment block 50 can allow for different blades to have different blade tangent angles, exposures and/or spans by different positions for angled surfaces 48 and corners 52 of alignment block 50.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

Other embodiments of the invention are within the scope of the appended claims. For example, other techniques (such as elastomeric materials, magnetism, solenoids, and springs) can be used in place of bladder 46 47 to bias the blades 14 into the proper position. Other structures or shapes can be used in place of angled surfaces 48 and corners 52 to align the blades. Oval spots and dual spots can be used in place of the round spot welds 40 and 70.

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Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 5, line 29:

As discussed above in the Summary section, the recess can be open to the top, with the integral blade unit being lowered into the recess and held in place by clips or by snap-fitting, or alternatively the recess can open to the bottom, with the integral blade unit being raised into the recess.